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plus it being approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to a point opposite this lot on the cemetery road. Mr. Long is inclined to agree. No further discussion and no action.

We now have a mutual aid agreement signed with Langley.

The Chief states he has not received a price on a water vacuum to date.

The Secretary brings up the matter of reinvesting the \$20,000.00, which will come due on September 19th., for 50 days. This is money set aside for the down payment on the new truck. Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter to reinvest the \$20,000.00 by resolution #75 for 50 days, carried unanimously. This resolution is signed by the Commissioners. The Chairman states that the County Treasurer invests this money at their discretion.

The question comes up on fuel for the deisel truck. The Chief suggests fueling at the Mobil station in Freeland. This would be acceptable for the balance of this year, but Mr. Hunter feels that for convenience we need to have our own tank. He He says there are times we would need fuel when the gas station is closed. He also states that deisel does not sour like gas if kept for some time.

The Chairman now states that Freeland would be entitled to a share of the District assets if and when they incorporate. Mr. Long asks how we would arrive at a value of the District assets. Mr. Hunter says he will check with the former Secretary for Snohomish County Fire District No 1 who helped handle this kind of situation when Montlake Terrace and Lynnwood incorporated some years ago, and find out what method they used for determining values for District assets, and how the problem was resolved.

Discussion is now turned to pay for volunteers, as, under the new federal wage and hour laws volunteers who are paid only a token sum in some form, come under this law and will have to be paid at least the minimum wage per hour. Mr. Hunter says he has checked the past records of thirteen years, and finds the average time per man to be 1.306 hours per alarm. The District, for two years at least, has been paying \$3.00 per alarm, therefore he feels the men have been paid above the minimum of the present rate of \$1.90 per hour, or, actually \$2.29 per hour. He feels that for the rest of the year at least there will be no problem financially. As for the pay for meetings etc., there are no hourly figures available. The Chief is requested to check into this and try to come up with some figures. It is recognized that the method of paying for drills and meetings will probably need to be changed, and placed on an hourly basis, and on perhaps a twice a month basis, placing the hours at two per drill or training per month, with the Chief monitoring the program personally to see that the men actually drill for the required two hours.

There is some discussion and the Chief is requested to survey the desires of the men in the various stations to determine if they wish to be paid for these drills and instructional meetings on this hourly basis or to do it on a strictly volunteer basis, at no pay, and report at the next meeting.

The Secretary now turns attention of the meeting to the budget for 1975. Copies of the 1974 budget figures also including some proposed figures for 1975 are passed out to the Commissioners and Chief. They include some increases, some decreases, and some the same as 1974, but are considered to be a bare bones type without a lot of fat included, although this is hypothetical in the light of the present rate of inflation. In the area of salaries the figure is the same as 1974. There is discussion regarding the expense fund which includes all expenditures including capital outlay, but not including reserve fund and G.O. bonds. Capital outlay
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including the new truck payment of \$4,800.00 approximately, also any other improvements not included in day to day expenses. An amount of \$6,800.00 in various improvements to stations, lots, and equipment, etc. Mr. Long notes there is no increase in salaries for the year, and says he feels there should be. It is discussed some, and in light of the present trend in increases in other areas of the country, and considering inflation trends, Mr. Long feels a 10 % increase in salaries for the four salaried people in the District would be in order.

It is explained that the total budget figures presented, which include all categories, is based on an expected tax figure of approximately \$59,000.00, this is excepting budget for G.O. bond redemption, which is outside the expense fund. The above figure is based on a rate of 67 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents per \$1,000.00 of true assessed property value which is approximately \$87,000,000.00 for 1975. Therefore the total amount cannot be increased except if unpaid taxes for prior years should come in, in larger amounts than normal. It is further explained that if salaries should be increased the money would have to come out of the capital outlay fund.

After discussion Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter that the capital outlay fund be decreased \$2,000.00 and added to the salary budget and a 10 % salary increase be granted to the four salaried personnel, carried unanimously.

Mr. Long now makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter to adopt resolution # 76 budgeting \$55,775.00 for the expense fund, \$3,500.00 for the reserve fund and \$18,000.00 for the G.O. bond fund, carried unanimously.

The Chairman suggests that Mr. Berkeland get a sheet of plywood and make a table suitable for use at Commissioner meetings. Mr. Long agrees to this suggestion.

The Secretary reads a letter from Kehle & Hawley in reference to an increase of \$1,000,000.00 in the liability coverage at a cost of \$195.00, raising the coverage to \$2,000,000.00 instead of the present coverage of \$1,000,000.00. No action was taken in this matter.

The Chief reads a letter in reference to a Flamable Liquid School in Yakima. This will be weekend school and he would like to send four men to this, one from each major station. The Commissioners authorize him to do this.

The Chief also reads a letter on Governors Consumer Products Safety. This will be a one day seminar and the Commissioners suggest the Chief attend if possible.

The Chief asks if he should attend the Commissioners Conference in Vancouver. Mr. Hunter explains that this is slanted to Commissioners and Secretaries rather than the Chief. The Chairman and Secretary are attending this Conference.

Referring back to the approximate delivery date of the new truck, the Chief says he would like to take delivery personally at the factory. He says there is an allowance from Pierce of \$400.00 for this purpose. After brief discussion the Commissioners authorize this to be done based on the \$400.00.

Visitors are now asked for comments. Mr. Berkeland and Mr. Gabelein have none, and meeting is adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Ella E. Hunter

Ella E. Hunter, secretary
Island County Fire District No. 3

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
COUNTY OF ISLAND)

I, Ella E. Hunter Secretary of ISLAND
County Fire Protection District No. 3 do hereby certify that
the following is a true and correct copy of the Budget for the
year 1975 adopted by the Fire Commissioners of said District
and appearing in the Minutes of a meeting held on the 5th day
of September 1974 requesting the Board of Commissioners
of ISLAND County to levy taxes as follows:

EXPENSE FUND	\$ <u>55,775.00</u>	<u>B</u>
RESERVE FUND	\$ <u>3,500.00</u>	<u>C</u>
COUPON WARRANT FUND	\$ <u>nil</u>	
G. O. BOND FUND	\$ <u>18,000.00</u>	<u>D</u>
Total Taxes Required	\$ <u>77,275.00</u>	

Given under my hand and the official seal of said
District on this 3rd day of October, 1974.

Ella E. Hunter
Secretary

